Inspectors of Police.

281. *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Inspectors of Police in the State;

(*b*) the number of Inspectors of Police from the Nadar community;

(*c*) whether any Nadar was selected in the last recruitment;

(*d*) whether any Nadar was selected in the preliminary selection; and

(*e*) how many candidates were finally selected for recruitment?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 96 (Permanent 80 and Temporary 16).

(*b*) 3.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) 14.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: How many Roman Catholics have been recruited in the final selection?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: I have no information just now.

Companies registered under the Joint Stock Companies Act.

282. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of companies registered under the Joint Stock Companies Act during 1118, 1119 and 1120 respectively;

(*b*) whether any applications for registration of companies have been refused and if so, in how many cases?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER:

(*a*) 1118 82.
1119 54.
1120 (up to 5-12-1120) 52.

(*b*) No.

Registration Department.

283. *MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Will the Government bepleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of law graduates serving as clerks in the Registration Department; and

(*b*) the criterion for granting promotions to such clerks?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) 4.

(*b*) No distinction is made between law graduates and other graduates in regard to promotion in the Registration Department.

MR. P. M VARGHESE (*Minachil* cum *Todupuzha*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*) of the question no distinction is made between law graduates and other graduates in regard to promotion in the Registration Department, may I ask the honourable member whether it may not add to the efficiency of the department if law graduates are given some preference over the other graduates?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: It may add to the efficiency of the department, but in the matter of promotions, the other graduates are equally good.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know whether there is any scheme by which these law graduates may be absorbed in the Secretariat?

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